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BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation

861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building

Second Floor Conference Room A

Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED: 03/23/2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH, President Irvin Bowers, Public Member, Vice President Ruth Banta, Public Member Daniel Cherneski, LMFT Daniel Cooper, LPCMH Dr. Rosemary Madl-Young, Ph.D., LCDP William Northey, Ph.D., LMFT Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Elder, LCDP, **Secretary** Sherry Lambertson, Public Member Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed,D., LPCMH

ALSO PRESENT

Matthew Turley, DPCA

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Drevno called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MHCDP Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2016

The Board reviewed the January 27, 2016 meeting minutes for approval. Ms. Banta moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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<u>Deliberations on Proposed Amendments to Board's Rules and Regulations (Rule 11.0 – Telepractice)</u>

The Board held their deliberations from the January 27, 2016 public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the board's rules and regulations. The Board considered the written comments received from A.I. DuPont Hospital. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to accept the proposed amendments as previously published. An Order was circulated for signatures. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Previously Tabled LACMH Application for Meghan Hudson (Application Tabled on January 27, 2016

The Board reviewed the previously tabled LACMH application and supplemental documentation for Meghan Hudson. Dr. Madl-Young moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity for Ketia Viault. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity for Paula Harper. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity for Priyanka Varghese. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to table the application for the statutes and regulations for the jurisdictions in which the applicant holds a current license. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by certification for Shannon Ayers. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by certification for Lindsey Huttie. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by certification for Andrea David. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to propose to deny the application, as it appears that the applicant does not meet the minimum experience requirements. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LMFT Licensure by Examination

The Board reviewed the application for LMFT licensure by examination for Louise Howlett. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of LACMH Application

The Board reviewed the application for LACMH licensure for Ashley Bradford. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion carried with Dr. Northey opposed. .

Review and Consider Hearing Officer Recommendations as a Result of Rule to Show Cause Hearings for Deficient Continuing Education Audits

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The Board considered the Hearing Officer recommendations for Derek Hopler, LPCMH. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended discipline. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board considered the Hearing Officer recommendations for Jamie Hummell, LPCMH. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and to modify the recommended discipline to include a letter of reprimand for failing to comply with the continuing education requirements. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board considered the Hearing Officer recommendations for John Parker, LPCMH. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and to modify the letter of reprimand for failing to comply with the continuing education requirements, not false attestation. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board considered the Hearing Officer recommendations for Kenneth Stecher. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and to modify the letter of reprimand for failing to comply with the continuing education requirements and false attestation. Mr. Stecher will have 60 days to make-up the CE's or he may voluntarily surrender his license within the 60-day period. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board considered the Hearing Officer recommendations for Andrea Stoddart. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and to modify the letter of reprimand for failing to comply with the continuing education requirements. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board considered the Hearing Officer recommendations for Janis Truka, LPCMH. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and to modify the letter of reprimand for failing to comply with the continuing education requirements, not false attestation. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Change in LACMH Supervision Plan

The Board considered the request to change the LACMH written plan for Mateusz "Matt" Jaje, to reflect that the licensee will be obtaining additional direct experience hours from Devon Dyal, LPCMH, of Diamond State Counseling, in addition to the previously approved hours detailed on the approved written plan. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the changes. Motion unanimously carried.

<u>Discussion Regarding Potential Revisions to Clarify the Regulations Pertaining to the Make-Up of Disallowed Hours for CE's</u>

The Board considered the potential revisions to the regulations, clarifying the regulations pertaining to the make-up of disallowed hours, which Ms. Singh prepared. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to strike the regulations pertaining to the make-up of disallowed hours. Motion unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

The Board was advised that Case 33-05-15 has been closed by the Attorney General's Office.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

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There was no other business before the Board.

Public Comment

Mr. Turley from the Delaware Professional Counselor's Association identified himself and reported that he will provide feedback from the meeting to the members of the Association.

Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica M. Williams

Administrative Specialist III

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